

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the national phase examination, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, above line 1, insert as a centered heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

above line 16, insert as a centered heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, line 9, insert as a centered heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

line 16, insert as a centered heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.